

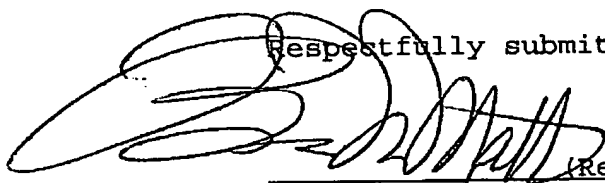
REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 3, 2005 and further in response to the Advisory Action dated August 15, 2005. In the Office Action, the Patent Office objected to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Further, the Patent Office rejected Claims 1-12 and Claims 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Still further, the Patent Office finally rejected Claims 1-3, 8, 9, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walz (U.S. Patent No. 5,664,725) in view of Schwan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,524,934). Still further, the Patent Office finally rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walz in view of Schwan et al. and further in view of Fabel (U.S. Patent No. 5,836,622). Moreover, the Patent Office finally rejected Claims 4-6, 10, 12 and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walz in view of Schwan et al. and further in view of Petkovsek (U.S. Patent No. 5,697,648). Applicant notes with appreciation that the Patent Office indicated that Claims 13-23 are in allowable form.

By the present amendment, Applicant canceled Claims 1-12 and 24-26. Applicant submits that the cancellation of Claims 1-12 and Claims 24-26 renders the objection and rejections in the Office Action as moot and places the application in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims are in allowable form and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Further, Applicant submits that neither further search nor consideration would be necessitated by entry of this Amendment; therefore, entry of this Amendment is proper and should be effected. If, however, any outstanding issues remain, Applicant urges the Patent Office to telephone Applicant's attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue. Applicant requests the Patent Office to indicate all claims as allowable and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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